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CIA Chief Searched Soul, Then Shooed Two Heels

Washington (News Bureau) — CIA Director Stansfield Turner disclosed yesterday that after a good deal of soul-searching and several sleepless nights he bounced two veteran employes of the spy agency for their "lack of good judgment" in allegedly helping a former agency official obtain terror bombs and other equipment for sale overseas.

"Neither could be accused of illegal activity or deliberately trying to harm the intelligence community." Turner told the Senate Intelligence Committee. "But each man was entrapped by the same mechanism—trying to do a favor for an old friend, and these were old friends who improperly imposed on them."

Two Not Identified "

The two, both middle-level employes, were not identified by Turner, who called them "capable, dedicated, patriotic... (but) insensitive to the implications for the intelligence community."

Turner said he looked into the actions of the two after a published report earlier this month about the alleged activities of Edwin P. Wilson, a former CIA employe who now runs a Washington consulting f rm.

The Washington Post reported that Wilson agreed to provide the Libyan government with 500,000 sophisticated detonation timing devices and had smuggled 500 of the devices, as well as explosives, to Libya last summer. Wilson apparently would have been unable to obtain the equipment from U.S. companies unless the firms believed the sales were in support of CIA activities, The Post said.

Speaking through his attorney, Wil-

liam O. Bittman, Wilson has said he "categorically denies" all the charges.

Turner said that when the incidents became known to the CIA, me worked hard "for some days, with great pangs of conscience, to decide what would be fair to them (the two employes) and best for the welfare of our intelligence operations. When I realized that they were merging their private and official affairs, I found I couldn't go to sleep at night with the idea that the intelligence community was under full control."

Kelley Blue Over Morale Of FBI, Cites Unfairness

Washington (UPI) — Warning that morale in his agency is falling, FBI Director Clarence Kelley said yesterday that it is unfair to prosecute a former FBI agent for illegal surveillance when similar activities by CIA agents went unpunished.

Kelley, testifying before a Senate Appropriations subcommittee, called for a review of illegal wiretapping and mail-opening charges brought against John Kearney, who was a supervisor in the New York FBI office.

The indictment against Kearney stemmed from activities in the early 1970s when the FBI investigated Weathermen terrorists.